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(54) Bezeichnung: FIXATIONSELEMENT FÜR KNOCHENFRAGMENTE

(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a fixing element for fixing a first bone fragment (5.1), notably an ankle-bone fragment in ankle joint fractures, to a corresponding second bone fragment (5.2). Said element comprises an elongated spreading part (2) and a fixing part (1) which can be introduced into aligned holes (4, 6) in the bone fragments (5.1, 5.2). The fixing part has a proximal first section (1.1) designed to be introduced into the first bone fragment (5.1) and an adjoining distal second section (1.2) designed to be introduced into the second bone fragment (5.2), as well as a hollow cavity (3) extending substantially along its full length. The fixing part (1) is configured such that it can be fully introduced into the holes (4, 6); by proximal introduction of the spreading part (2) into the hollow cavity (3) at right angles to its longitudinal direction can be spread open by wedge action at least in the area of its two ends so as to be joined to the corresponding bone fragment (5.1, 5.2); and after introduction of the spreading part (2) has a greater transverse dimension at the distal end of the second section (1.2) than at the proximal end of said section.

